

a plurality of projecting edges forming on at least the cylindrical elements between the first end cylindrical ring and the second end cylindrical ring as the stent is expanded from the first delivery diameter to the second expanded diameter.

30. The stent of claim 29, wherein the cylindrical rings are connected by at least three interconnecting elements between adjacent cylindrical rings.

31. The stent of claim 29, wherein the cylindrical rings are connected by at least two interconnecting elements between adjacent cylindrical rings.

32. The stent of claim 29, wherein the cylindrical rings are connected by at least one interconnecting element between adjacent cylindrical rings.

REMARKS

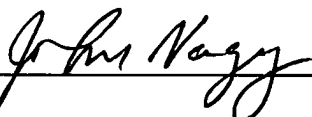
This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/055/582 filed April 6, 1998. Claims 2-24 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 25-32 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment. No new matter is believed to be presented as all of new claims are fully supported by the specification and drawings. Specifically, in the drawings, for example, Fig. 12, a three-point connection arises at the intersection of interconnecting element 13 and the apex

of U-shaped member 31. Thus, claims 25-32 are pending in the application and early consideration and allowance is solicited.

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